

undertake a mailing which would inform interested citizens' groups that such a rule making is in progress. CCC plans to supplement this notification with additional material explaining the technical language contained in the Commission's releases. Additional time is requested to accommodate both mailings.

3. Although we are persuaded that the additional time is warranted, we do note that an expanded notice of this action was published in the FCC Actions Alert, a weekly summary generally sent to public interest groups to apprise them of Commission actions, on October 8, 1976. While we wish to facilitate the filings of comments by all interested parties, because we have already granted a previous extension, we wish to alert all parties that any further requests for additional time in which to file comments and reply comments will not be looked upon with favor.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered, That the dates for filing comments and reply comments in Docket No. 19667, are extended to and including December 8 and December 27, 1976, respectively.

5. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in sections 4(i), 5(d)(1) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and § 0.281 of the Commission's rules.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION.
WALLACE E. JOHNSON,
Chief, Broadcast Bureau.

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[Docket No. 20916]

FM BROADCAST STATIONS IN SANTA BARBARA AND VENTURA, CALIF.

Table of Assignments; Order Extending Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments

Adopted: November 3, 1976.

Released: November 5, 1976.

In the matter of Amendment of § 73.202(b), *Table of Assignments*, FM Broadcast Stations, (Santa Barbara and Ventura, California), Docket No. 20916, RM-2685, RM-2707.

Dates, locations, and contact person for public hearings

Date and time	Location	Contact
Dec. 8, 1976, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Coe, Wyo. Municipal Auditorium	John Davis, Region 6, U.S. FWS, P.O. Box 25486, Denver, Federal Center, Denver, Colo. 80225. Phone: 303-234-1999.
Dec. 10, 1976, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Missoula, Mont., University Center Ballroom, University of Montana.	Philip A. Lehenbauer, Region 1, U.S. FWS, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Ore. 97208. Phone: 303-234-1999.
Dec. 14, 1976, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	St. Anthony, Idaho, South Freshmont High School Auditorium.	Robert Jacobson, Region 4, U.S. FWS, P.O. Box 20548, Spokane, Wash. 99220. Phone: 208-343-5687.
Dec. 17, 1976, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Washington, D.C., Department of the Interior, South Auditorium.	

Dated: November 5, 1976.

GEORGE W. MILIAS,
Acting Director,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

[50 CFR Part 216]

INTERIM REGIME FOR THE TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS

Notice to the American Tunaboat Association of Modification to Its 1976 General Permit, Category 2: Encircling Gear and Yellowfin Tuna Purse Seining

On May 11, 1976, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia declared the current (1976) regulations of the National Marine Fisheries Service authorizing the taking of marine mammals incidental to yellowfin tuna purse seining activities, 50 CFR 216.24, to be void as contrary to the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. section 1361 et seq. On August 6, 1976, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit affirmed the District Court's order but stayed it until January 1, 1977 because of the disastrous effect its immediate implementation would have on commercial fishermen operating under the general permit authorized by the current regulations.

In an effort to obtain data on porpoise stock assessments necessary to comply with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as interpreted by the Courts, the National Marine Fisheries Service assembled experts to conduct a workshop. This workshop was held during July 23-27, 1976 at its Southwest Fisheries Center. The output of this workshop, "The Report of the Workshop on Stock Assessment of Porpoises Involved in the Eastern Pacific Yellowfin Tuna Fishery," was published in September, 1976. With the necessary data on porpoise stock assessment in hand, the National Marine Fisheries Service immediately began the process of amending its regulations which would comply with court interpreted provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act as close to the January 1, 1977 deadline as possible. NMFS published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on October 1, 1976: (41 FR 43550-43552) expedited procedures for consideration of proposed regulations for the calendar year 1977. Notice of intent to propose regulations for the calendar year 1977 was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on October 4, 1976 (41 FR 43729).

On October 14, 1976, the National Marine Fisheries Service published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (41 FR 45015-45019) proposed regulations to govern the incidental taking of porpoise from yellowfin tuna purse seining operations for 1977. The proposed regulations include a limitation of take on each stock or species of porpoise involved in commercial yellowfin tuna purse seine fishing to ensure that the allowed take would not be to the disadvantage of any such species or stock. The notice also stated that a public hearing regarding the amendments would be held on November 15, 1976.